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In re Application of:	
I. Lawrence GREENFIELD	Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/724,613) Examiner: J. Riley
Filed: November 28, 2000) Confirmation No. 7659
For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND PROTEASES))))

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PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2004. Applicant filed an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action on July 15, 2004, but that Amendment and Response was not entered. A check including the extension fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

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